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Re: Federal FY2018 128a Funds – Initial Funding Request

Dear Ms. Chow,

The Bureau of Corrective Actions (BCA) continues to maintain, update and enhance the State of Nevada Response Program capabilities with Federal 128a grant funding. The funding supports the Brownfields Program, Environmental Assistance Program (EAP), Certification Program (CP), the Abandoned Mine Lands (AML) Branch, and the Remediation Branch in the following capacities: 1. Everyday maintenance and oversight of these programs; 2. Maintaining and enhancing the public record; 3. Conducting outreach to communities throughout Nevada; 4. Reviewing the eligibility of potential Brownfield projects (including petroleum eligibility for 104K grantees) and managing existing Brownfields projects; and 5. Attending training, conferences, and meetings for programs the 128a grant supports.

As anticipated, as Nevada's economy shifts from the recessive state of the past few years, there is increasing need for the turnaround of remediation eligible Brownfield sites for business development. This is the justification for an increase in funding for Contractual work and the consistent funding of personnel. The State Brownfields Program has made a concerted effort to work with Nevada's more rural communities to determine what portion of their property is being underutilized due to hazardous material and petroleum releases. This year, we see this effort come to fruition. Sites in the rural counties of Esmeralda, Mineral, and Nye have been identified through a previous 104K Brownfields grant to need further assessment in SFY2019. These properties had ESA Phase I assessments completed and need ESA Phase II assessments to move forward for redevelopment into viable commercial properties.

BCA is continuing the update of the Project Tracking database. Funds will be expended to include the Spill Reporting Hotline and Certification Program. By incorporating all program areas, the database provides a more efficient means of tracking assessment and remediation cases. Additionally, NDEP is updating the entire website (www.ndep.nv.gov) with an expected roll-out date of March, 2017; accordingly, BCA is developing and enhancing its website for SFY2018 to provide mechanisms for greater public participation and program accessibility. This includes online program registration, online spill reporting, and updates to all pertinent information.

The EAP will be updating the State Hazardous Material Response Plan according to the State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. The need was identified to completely overhaul the Response plan from a resource guide to a working document. This is a collaborative effort between several stakeholders including the State Fire Marshall and Division of Emergency Management. Additionally, the EAP is collaborating with the EPA Onsite Coordinator (OSC) to update all Geographic Response Plans (GRP) for water bodies in the State

and completing the GRP for the Humboldt River. Additionally, the EAP has identified mercury releases to be a continual threat throughout the state. We are working with EPA OSC to provide training throughout Nevada to the Local Emergency Planning Committees, first responders, schools, and any other interested parties on mercury release remediation. This outreach will begin in the spring of 2017 and continue throughout FY2018.

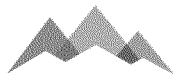
The AML Branch continues to collaborate with federal and state AML agencies, local jurisdictions, and industry. The AML Branch will continue to provide PA/SI site screens to EPA, and discuss AML site priorities with the EPA Project Officer. The AML Branch will continue to develop the web-based geospatial database, and share data and information with key AML partners and stakeholders. The AML Branch will continue to work with the EPA QA Officer on development and approval of the AML QAPrP, and will aim to finalize the QAPrP during FFY 18. Eligible AML sites will be evaluated for inclusion under the Brownfields Program for redevelopment.

Please refer to the attached documents that have been developed in support of the 128a grant initial funding request for the State of Nevada.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (775) 687-9545.

Sincerely,

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Attachments: CERCLA Section 128(a) State or Tribal Response Initial Funding Request

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